

[Reversed Saddle]

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DEC 7 1936 PIONEER STORY Reversed Saddle

Back in the 'good old days' they played tricks on one another the same as people do today:

When Sunday came, people for miles around would go to some one home and a traveling preacher would come to this home and preach, both morning and evening services. While at these services many tricks were played—one in particular happened when Reverend George Gage was preaching: One Sunday night he and one of the cowhands from a neighboring ranch rode horseback to a neighbors for "preaching"—they got there about dark and getting off their [horses?] they threw the reins over the horses head and over a limb of a small tree.

The service lasted some little time, and after shaking hands with everyone Reverend Gage and the cowhand left the house, got on their horses leaned over to take the reins, and all of a sudden the cowhand cried out "They've cut my horses head off" [?.?] Oh no," replied Reverend Gage, "why do you thing that your horses head had been cut off, isn't he still standing?" "Oh yes he is still standing, but I reached over to take the reins and they aren't there and his head is missing". (this was said almost in tears). At that Reverend Gage got off his horse, walked over [to?] the horse on which the cowhand was sitting and sure enough just as he expected, the saddle had been turned around by some prankster, and the cowhand was facing north on a south bound horse. [??] SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

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